

WOOLOOGA TO COOROY SOUTH TRANSMISSION LINE AND COOROY SOUTH SUBSTATION PROJECT



MAKING A SUBMISSION ON THE DRAFT EIS



A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) has been prepared for the Woolooga to Cooroy South Transmission Line and Cooroy South Substation Project. As part of ongoing community consultation, stakeholders and community members can review, and provide comment on, the draft document.

The EIS is part of Powerlink's planning process which is approved under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997* (IPA). The EIS will form part of an application for Ministerial Designation as community infrastructure under IPA.

This fact sheet provides advice on how to make a submission on the Draft EIS.

WHAT ARE THE STEPS IN THE SUBMISSION PROCESS?

1. Submissions are reviewed by Powerlink appointed environmental consultants, Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB).
2. PB identifies where and how comments are considered in the context of the Draft EIS. If appropriate, additional research would be undertaken, with any results provided in the Final EIS.
3. A response to the points raised in submissions will be provided in the Final EIS.
4. PB also provides submitters with a response to all comments and questions received.
5. Powerlink publicly advertises the final EIS and invites submissions on the proposed designation.
6. The Final EIS, the submissions on the proposed designation, and responses to those submissions become part of the application to the Minister for designation of the transmission line and substation under IPA.

WHO CAN MAKE A SUBMISSION?

Any individual, group or organisation interested in the project can make a submission.

WHAT INFORMATION IS REQUIRED?

When making a submission the following information is to be included:

- contact details: including name, address and telephone number
- the name of the organisation, if applicable
- a signature from each submitter, or the signatory for the organisation
- the signatory's position within the organisation, if applicable.

WHAT ARE SOME IDEAS FOR PREPARING A SUBMISSION?

Write down a list of your issues and concerns. Review the EIS section/s relating to these issues as well as any relevant technical papers on which you are interested in providing comment on.

Consider the following when preparing your submission:

Beginning: Prepare a brief background statement (1-2 paragraphs) explaining why you are making the submission. This would include details of your property if you are an affected landowner, or information about your interest otherwise in the project and the organisation you represent.

Middle: Your submission may contain facts, opinions, arguments or recommendations. It may cover all the points in the EIS or only some of them. Where possible, relate your comments to the relevant particular section(s) of the EIS. Attach any supporting documents, sketches or diagrams and provide the sources of any factual information included in the submission.

End: If your submission is long, include a summary of your discussion points. Include your contact details and your signature.

HOW SHOULD I FORMAT MY SUBMISSION?

The length of a submission, and amount of detail included in it, is left to the discretion of the author. Submissions can be written in report style, letter format or can take the form of a fax or email.

The submission should be word-processed in a simple font (Arial, Times New Roman) or hand written in black or blue ink.

It helps the reviewer to read information that is clearly presented. Please include and refer to the numbered sections of the EIS on which you are commenting so that the reviewer is able to identify and address the issues in your submission.

You may choose to include a table of contents and to categorise each section into headings. If there are a range of issues you wish to comment on, separate each issue by numbered sections.

WILL MY SUBMISSION BE CONFIDENTIAL?

All EIS submissions will be treated as public documents and copies will be provided to the proponent. If a submission includes content that requires confidentiality for commercial or other reasons, authors are to state so clearly. All comments and responses will be included in the Final EIS.

WHEN ARE SUBMISSIONS DUE?

Submissions are to be received on or before 5pm on the last day of the submission period, **Friday 15 May 2009**.

WHERE SHOULD I SEND MY SUBMISSION?

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